

Watchword for the Week

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.

(Psalm 66:1-2)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2017)

ORGAN PRELUDE

INTROIT

"Halleluia"

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(Verses from Psalm 66)

Praise God with shouts of joy, all people!
Sing to the glory of his name; offer him glorious praise! Say to God,

***How wonderful are the things you do!
Your power is so great that your enemies
bow down in fear before you.***

Everyone on earth worships you;
they sing praises to your name.

***Come and see what God has done,
his wonderful acts for all people.***

He changed the sea into dry land;
our ancestors crossed the river on foot.

***There we rejoiced because of what he did.
Praise God, all nations;
let your praise be heard!***

Hymn 153 *

Great is thy faithfulness

People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER of APPROACH

All: ***Eternal and loving God, we come
before you in awe, for you have
promised never to leave us. Even
when we feel most lost and alone,
still you are with us, as comforter,
advocate, and friend. Always help us
to know and celebrate your presence.***

Leader: Forgiving God, unseen yet known, we hear the world speak in power and greed. Yet we hear you speak to us in love and grace. May our lives be the echo of your voice.

All: ***When we are persuaded by the want
that leads to hurt, the hankering that
leads to greed, the yearning that
leads to selfishness:***

Right: forgive us for following the wrong way;
may we turn again and follow you.

All: ***When we are persuaded by the spin
that becomes truth, the belief that
becomes dogma, the fears that
become intolerance:***

Left: forgive us for following the wrong way;
may we turn again and follow you.

Leader: Our God, seeing and forgiving, knowing
and loving,

All: ***we turn from following the wrong way
and face you with our confessions.
Hear us. Forgive us. Amen.***

WORDS of ASSURANCE

No one has seen God.

Yet Jesus has shown us God. Jesus is the assurance of God's forgiveness. So know, friends, that through faith in Jesus all our sins are forgiven. ***Thanks be to God. Amen.***

CHILDREN'S TIME

Chorus *

Lord of the dance

Refrain: *Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you
may be, and I'll lead you all
in the Dance, said he.*

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: 1 Peter 3:13-22 NT p. 297 (295)

Gospel: St. John 14:15-21 NT p. 138
People may stand for the Gospel reading.

The word of God: ***Thanks be to God!***

Hymn 443 *

He is Lord! He is Lord!

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Robert Haworth

Hymn 414

*Come, you faithful, raise the strain
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)
(Hymn of the Month, May 2017)*

DEDICATION PRAYER (in unison)

***Eternal God, whose children we are, receive
these gifts we offer. May they help to bring
others closer to you and work for love,
justice, and peace in our world. Amen***

ANNOUNCEMENTS (See Notices overleaf)

BLESSING

PRAYERS for OTHERS

(sung response: Hymn 805)

Lord, our God:

Your will be done on earth, O Lord.

The LORD'S PRAYER (Lithuanian)

(Please use your preferred language for praying.)

English words at: Hymn 652, Second Form (b)

Téve musu esi danguje'.

Teesie šventas tavo Vardas.

Teateinie tavo karalystė.

Teesie tavo valia, kaip danguje,

***taip ir ant `z`émės. Kasdienės musu duonos
duok mums šiandien. Ir atleisk mums musu
kaltes, kaip ir mes atleid`z`iame savo
kaltininkams. Ir nevesk mus i pagunda, bet
gelbék mus nuo pikto. Amen.***

Hymn 516 *

We are marching in the light...

- 1) *We are marching in the light of God*
- 2) *Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkos*
- 3) *We are singing...*
- 4) *We are dancing...*
- 5) *Siyahamb'...*

BLESSING and ***Threefold Amen*** (No. 819)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Notices

- We welcome all **visitors** and **first-time worshippers**. Please sign our guest book *including your postal or e-mail address if you wish to receive our church newsletter*.
- **Today's worship team:**
 - Duty elder:** Michelle Mizuno-Wiedner
 - Reader:** Enid Meredith
 - Music:** Ingeborg Maiwald (Organ)
Robert Jakeman (Guitar)
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.**
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Malawi** and **Zambia**. Link to prayers from: www.ecc-bochum.de
- Join the **das Vaterunser in 500 Sprachen und Dialekten** challenge! Talk to Michelle or visit: <http://www.reformation2017.de/>.
- **Pentecost 2017**
Please note the earlier starting times!
 - Sunday, 4 June** ("Pfingstsonntag")
11:00 am **Joint worship** (English-German)
with Holy Communion
 - Monday, 5 June** ("Pfingstmontag")
11:00 am **International worship** with
migrant churches from Bochum
with Holy Communion

- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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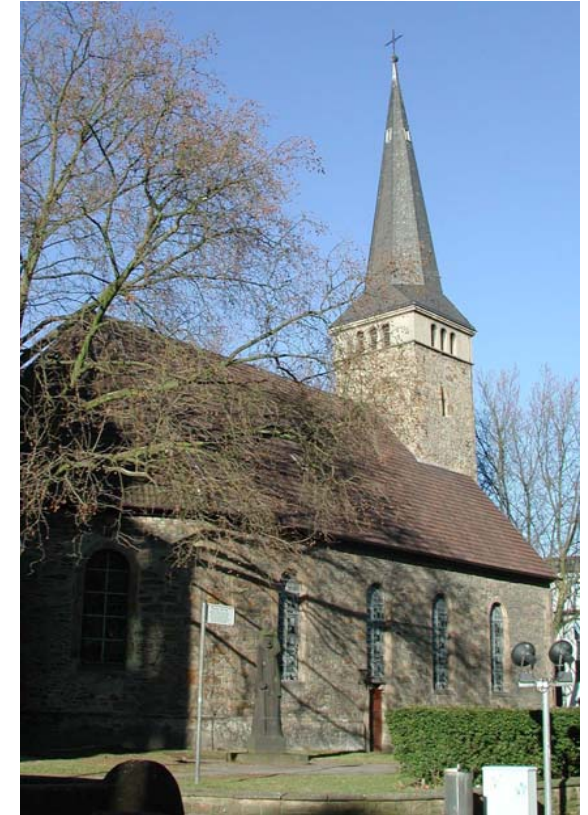
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Easter 6

"Pax intransibus, salus exeuntibus"

"On entering, peace – on departure, blessing"
(Pauluskirche Bochum – Porch Inscription 1655)

Worship every Sunday at 12.30

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